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Sheridan.

The death of Gen. Sheridan removes from the present army of the United States the last general officer who won great renown during the last war. It seems but a few years since the close of the conflict, and yet the great names of that memorable struggle have all disappeared from active life, either in the grave or the shades of oblivion. Grant, Sheridan, Logan, Meade, Halleck, McClellan, Hancock—all have succumbed to the last great enemy, death, and of those whose names were ploughed high on the roll of fame Sheridan alone remains among the living, and he is retired from the service. The death-angel has spared him beyond the age reached by most of his peers, and long may he be left to enjoy the honors of a career so full of great deeds.

The period extending from 1861 to 1865 was prolific in heroes, but no man among the tens and hundreds of thousands who took up arms in defense of national honor will be remembered with more admiration and patriotic love than Philip H. Sheridan. He was the ideal American soldier. Patriotism, bravery, generosity, modesty—these were his marked characteristics, and he will go down in history as the Chevalier Bayard of our war. Such men only burst upon the horizon of a nation at rare intervals, and we can hardly expect to see another such heroic figure in our history for a lifetime, unless the country should again call for the services of its most brilliant sons in a struggle against foreign or domestic foes. The memory of Sheridan and his famous ride will go down in history as one of the most dazzling episodes in modern warfare, and will never cease to inspire American youth as long as bravery and patriotism remain no moving impulses of the human heart.

The death of Sheridan is spoken of sometimes as being sudden and unexpected, but the culminating observers have had but little hope of his recovery since he was first stricken down in May. The nature of his disease was such as not to give much ground for hope. Men of his age seldom recover from serious attacks of heart disease, especially after a life of such exposure as are incident to army life on the frontier and service through a great war. His death, coming when it did and after temperate improvement, was what might have been reasonably expected at any time after his first fall from the attack.

There have been two distinct and diametrically opposite trends running through every tariff agitation in this country for more than forty years. The Democratic idea has always favored a tariff whose main object shall be revenue, while the Whigs and Republicans have contended for the levying of duties with the primary object of protecting our own industries. In the second place Democrats have always favored *ad valorem* duties, while the opposite idea of specific duties has always been contended for by the advocates of a protective tariff. The present schedule is based upon a compromise being partly *ad valorem* and partly specific, and all the attempts to modify it, by the Mill bill in the present Congress and by the Morrison bill in the last, have recognized both methods in their proposed schedules. This, probably, for the purpose of drawing support from the advocates of either system. Of late years there have been frequent scandals unearthing in the various houses, growing out of the undervaluation of imports taxed on the *ad valorem* schedule, so as to lessen the amount of duties levied upon particular goods, and when the late Daniel Manning was Secretary of the Treasury he pointed out the incentive to undervaluation, fraud perpetrated by the importers when *ad valorem* duties furnished the opportunity. The Mill bill enlarges these opportunities under the system, while the chances to defraud the revenue might be greatly diminished by an adherence to the policy of levying the duties on the specific basis. This is one of the grounds of opposition to the Mill bill that is generally lost sight of, but it is one of its most important features.

It is now given out, apparently with authority, that Lily Langtry will marry her Freddie on September 21st, at her country home in California. After this event occurs the world turns to new sensations to some fresh scandal to speak. "Tis well; the Langtry-Gibbard mess is old enough to have whiskered.

Some Republican journals are unwisely pretending to be highly pleased over the prospect that Gov. Hill, of New York, has fixed things so as to secure his renomination. This apparent joy arises from the presumption that he will become a neutral. Let not our friends hill themselves into a feeling of security on that score. Gov. Hill is one of the most wily politicians of the Empire State. His methods are peculiarly adapted to the tortuous ways of New York politics, and he will not take the chances of a canvass without satisfying himself that he will receive the united support of his party. It is never wise to underrate the strength or skill of your opponent, in any sort of a contest. Rather give him the benefit of his assumed strength, and then dispose of your own forces so as to overcome it, even if it is as great as your enemy believes it to be. The greatest danger to Republicans now, as this year lies in overconfidence. Better go into the fight admitting at the start that it is to be bitter, earnest and close.

To the Trade. You need not be alarmed about Deleware peaches, as we have secured the exclusive sale of the best peaches in Delaware. They will also come right direct to us from the orchards in our lots, three times a week. Yours truly,
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"Rally-Rally!" There will be a big rally for the next 30 days of everyone needing any furniture, or Housekeeping Goods, at Hurl's, Com. House block. He offers great value to the trade before. Don't miss the great sale of the bargains.

SHERIDAN'S SLEEP.

The Nation Mourns Around the Bier of Its Great General.

Flags at Half-Mast and Other Emblems of Mourning Displayed Everywhere.

All Arrangements for the Funeral Placed in the Hands of General Schofield.

The Interment to be Made at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday Next.

Fall-Bearers Chosen—Other Funeral Arrangements.

Norfolk, Mass., Aug. 7.—The following pall-bearers have been selected by General Sheridan's family: General W. T. Sherman; Marshal Flory, of Chicago; General Hawley, of the United States Senate; Speaker Carlisle; Vice-President Frank Thompson of the Pennsylvania railroad; General Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., the senior officer of the Grand Army of the Republic in the District of Columbia; Senator Whitney; General McPherson; General Joseph B. Hooker, of St. Louis; General Radcliff, and George W. Childs.

The following officers of General Sheridan's staff are especially invited to attend the funeral: General W. Forsyth; Colonel John Schuyler Crosby, Colonel Fred Grant, Colonel James E. Gregory, Colonel George W. Davis.

General Schofield, the next highest in rank to General Sheridan, assumed command of the army without being directed to do so.

General Sheridan's desk at the War Department remains as he left it. The chairs about the room have not been disturbed for two months.

General and Mrs. Rucker, Mrs. Sheridan's parents, were shocked at the suddenness of the General's death. They had had no idea that he was any worse.

In fact, the prevailing impression was that the distinguished patient had passed the crisis and was on the way to recovery.

Throughout army circles the one feeling is of deep sorrow at the loss of a respected commander and a beloved friend.

Special Meeting Called.

BOSTON, Aug. 7.—Mayor O'Brien called a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen yesterday afternoon, and of the Common Council to have evening to take action on the death of General Sheridan.

Biographical.

Philip Henry Sheridan was born March 6, 1831, the biographer of General Sheridan.

General Orders No. 7:—The Commander-in-Chief has directed to announce the death of General Sheridan, commanding the armies of the United States, which occurred at Nonquitt on Sunday, the 5th inst.

2. In respect to the memory of this distinguished soldier, it is ordered that except in the case of a general, at the State arsenals and armories throughout the Commonwealth, the standard of the Mass. volunteers militia be draped in black, and the same badge of mourning will be worn by commissioned officers for a period of thirty days.

3. Brigade and cadre-commanders will promote this order.

By order of the commander-in-chief,
SAMUEL DAWTON,
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